

STATE OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

State of Illinois, Department of Transportation,
Petitioner,

v.

United States Air Force and the Village of Rantoul,
Respondents.

Petition to designate crossing DOT/AAR No. 000 078T, which traverses
FAP Route 800 (U.S. 45/Century Blvd.), as exempt pursuant to 625
ILCS 5/11-1202; situated in the Village of Rantoul, Champaign County,
Illinois.

T02-0071

STAFF RESPONSE TO PETITION

Now comes the Staff of the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") in response to the Illinois Department of Transportation ("Department") Petition requesting exempt status for the above captioned grade crossing. Regarding the Petition, Staff would like to state the following:

- Item No. 1: Staff has no knowledge of the ownership of the track. The Commission database (Crossing Inventory and Information System - referred to as CRISIS) shows the Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") as the operating railroad on that section of track.
- Item No. 2: Staff has verified this information.
- Item No. 3: Staff has verified this information.
- Item No. 4: CRISIS shows an average daily traffic (ADT) volume of 7100 vehicles per day.
- Item No. 5: While the train traffic over the crossing is obviously zero, based upon field observations by staff, the trackage has not been disconnected from the adjacent north-south mainline track. There is a great deal of vegetation between the tracks and, in areas where the track crosses private and business entrances; the track is covered by aggregate. The serviceability of the track is unknown.
- Item No. 6: Staff agrees with this item.

Item No. 7: Staff has no knowledge of said project.

Item No. 8: Staff agrees with this item with certain provisos as noted below.

Item No. 9: Staff feels that this is reasonable.

Staff feels that the request of the Department is reasonable under the following conditions:

- The IC agrees to notify the Commission at least thirty (30) days in advance if they should decide to resume operation on the spur, which crosses Century Boulevard.
- Should the IC decide to resume service, the Department will remove the exempt signage and the IC will issue a Stop and Flag order for the crossing.
- Upon removal of the crossing, all railroad crossing related signage will be removed from Century Boulevard.

PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that on August 6, 2002, a copy of the foregoing instrument was served upon the following parties by depositing said instrument in the U.S. Mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, at Springfield, Illinois, plainly addressed as follows:

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